perts held at Dhaka in March, 1993. The discussions were directed to evolve an equitable and comprehensive arrangement for sharing of flows of Ganga, Tista and other major rivers. The talks are continuing.

Dihan Dam Project

641. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for dropping of the construction of Dihang Dam Project over Siang river in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the total amount of expenditure incurred in the project for survey wroks, construction of undergound tunnels and other related matters;

(c) whether Government are planning to revive the project; and

(d) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Construction of Dihang Dam Project has not been started so far.

(b) The amount of expenditure incurred in investigation and pre-construction activities for the Dihang Dam Project is about Rs. 6.7 crore till March, 1993.

(c) and (d) Investigations for preparation of details project report are to be undertaken after securing inter-State agreement.

Persons displaced by Bargi Dam

642. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons displaced by the Bargi Dam project on the Narmada river;

(b) what is the policy for their rehabilitation and payment of compensation; and

(c) what is the present position with regard to rehabilitaion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) 5475 families comprising of about 35000 persons are affected due to submergence of the Project.

(b) and (c) The rehabilitation and payment of compensation is being made as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan for the Project approved by the State Government. The position with regard to rehabili-